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Title: **LIGHTED DISSECTOR AND METHOD FOR USE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above-identified application. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.